

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY

Green Team Minutes

December 12, 2013

The Green Team meeting was held this date at the Mansfield Township Municipal Building, 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, N.J. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present : Donald Proefrock, Laura Valderrama, Robert Jewell, Jennifer Keggan and JoAnn Fascenelli

Absent : Orson Kirk, Drew Di Sessa, and Michael Clancy

Also Present: Thomas Maxwell & Ron Engel (Mansfield Township Fire Company)

Zumbathon: The following was agreed upon regarding the Zumbathon:

- The event is scheduled for Saturday, January 18, 2014
- Time – 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Alternate date is Saturday, February 1, 2014
- Price - \$5.00 if paid in advance and \$10.00 at the door. Mansfield Township Fire Department will collect and keep all the proceeds from this event
- Prepay – on line (Mansfield Township Fire Department web-site) or by mail to the Fire Department
- Cutoff date for prepaying on line is Thursday, January 16, 2014
- Cutoff date for prepaying by mail is Wednesday, January 15, 2014
- Green Team will supply the instructor at no charge
- Mansfield Township Fire Department will donate water
- Any questions regarding the event will be directed to the Fire Department (hall rental.com28fire)
- The Mansfield Township Fire Department Hall has a capacity of 150 people
- Ms. Valderrama suggested door prizes – she will investigate this further
- Ms. Valderrama will prepare a flyer advertising the event and forward same to the Fire Department for their approval

The following avenues can be utilized to promote the event:

- Local Paper (Warren Reporter)
- WRNJ
- Comcast Channel
- Treasure Hunt
- Fire Department & Municipal Web-sites
- Fire Department Face Book
- Flyers

Ms. Valderrama stated the instructor would like to inspect the Hall prior to the event. It was suggested that Tuesday night during Bingo would be a good time. A different time can be arranged if Tuesday night is not convenient.

Mansfield Township Fire Dept's 2nd Annual Christmas Tree Bonfire & Pig Roast: Mr. Engel and Mr. Maxwell invited the Green Team members to their Christmas Tree Bonfire & Pig Roast. Event is scheduled for January 11, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at the Mansfield Fire House. Mrs. Fascenelli thanked Mr. Engel and Mr. Maxwell for this information. As the Recycling Coordinator she receives calls from residents asking how to dispose of their trees. Residents can bring their tree(s) to the Fire House or have tree(s) picked up. For tree pick up residents should contact the Mansfield Township Fire Department at Support@28fire.com. This is a free event; however donations would be greatly appreciated.

Ongoing Projects:

Carbon Footprint – Mr. Proefrock has inputted the applicable data. Mr. Proefrock feels some data is missing and will compile a list for Mrs. Fascenelli.

Purchasing Resolution – Mrs. Fascenelli will continue to update the resolution.

Rain Barrel Workshop – Mr. Proefrock has contacted several companies in an attempt to obtain the barrels. There is a facility in South Jersey that will sell the barrels for \$10.00 each. The Green Team would need to rent a truck for pick up. The facility is approximately 115 miles from Mansfield.

Ag Choice would also sell the barrels for \$10.00 each and deliver for \$150.00. However, they cannot guarantee how many barrels they would have available.

Geratex Corporation in Vernon, NY has approximately 50 to 100 barrels. Barrels would be free and Absolute Shredding would haul the barrels for \$200.00. However, the Green Team would have to accept all the barrels that Geratex has on site.

Mrs. Fascenelli is working with NJ Clean Communities to see if grant money can be used to offset the cost of the workshop. Mr. Proefrock advised the resolution previously approved by the Township Committee has to be revised to reflect the new grant amount of \$2,000.00 rather than \$ 2,500.00. There is also additional paperwork that needs to be submitted for the grant (grant application, a budget, application background information form and checklist, grantee's certification and declaration and several resume's).

Community Garden – Mr. Proefrock prepared a concept drawing for a community garden located in the old tennis court. The garden would consist of thirty-six (36) 4' x 8' raised plots with approximately 4 – 5 feet aisles between plots. A 4' wide plot would allow gardeners to reach every plant without stepping inside the garden. Aisles are 4' wide to allow for transport of items by wheelbarrows. The length of the plots can be adjusted in length to suit gardeners as space allows. There would also be a small shed which would serve as shade for the gardeners and roof surface in order to collect water into the rain barrels. Plots would be on a first come first serve basis.

Backyard Composting Workshop - Mrs. Fascenelli will contact ANJAC for an instructor and compost bins. Recycling Tonnage Grant money can be used for this type of workshop.

Recycling Events:

1. Town Wide Shredding Event – Mrs. Fascenelli advised 84 residents and several Township Departments utilized this event. A total of 7,210 pounds of confidential documents were shredded.
2. Electronic Waste, scrap metal, large rigid plastics and tire recycling event. Mrs. Fascenelli advised that 125 residents attended this event. She will advise the total tonnage when information is available.

Educational Ideas:

Listed below are some possible areas the Green Team members would like to pursue:

- Wildlife Education
- Green Fashion Show Outreach
- Animals in the Community
- Companion Animal Management Plan
- National Moth Week (Ms. Pante’ and Environmental members attended a meeting and will continue to report on this event).

Listed below is the 2014 meeting schedule:

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP GREEN TEAM MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2014

SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7:30 P.M.

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

January 09, 2014	July 10, 2014
February 13, 2014	August 14, 2014
March 13, 2014	September 11, 2014
April 10, 2014	October 09, 2014
May 08, 2014	November 13, 2014
June 12, 2014	December 11, 2014

Next Green Team meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted

JoAnn Fascenelli